

We claim:

- 1 1. A customizable application system comprising:
 - 2 an application server;
 - 3 an application interface generator configured to generate an application user interface, the
 - 4 application user interface including a customizable immediate access
 - 5 keystroke sequence and configured as an interface between the application
 - 6 server and a client;
 - 7 a web application server configured to deliver the application user interface to a client;
 - 8 means for specifying customization data configured to characterize the customizable
 - 9 immediate access keystroke sequence;
 - 10 a data depository configured to store the customization data; and
 - 11 means for generating the application user interface according to the customization data.

1 3. A method of customizing an application user interface, the method comprising the
2 steps of:
3 accessing a page definition, the page definition including metadata associated with a
4 customizable immediate access keystroke sequence;
5 using the metadata to access a data record, the data record being stored in a data
6 repository and being user modifiable, the data repository being physically remote
7 from a client used to display an application user interface;
8 using information read from the data record to determine a value defining the
9 customizable immediate access keystroke sequence;
10 generating markup-language responsive to the determined value; and
11 including the generated markup-language in the application user interface.